

Bread for the Body and Soul

Matthew 14:13-21

(series #83)

Intro: The murder of John the Baptist in verses 10-12

I. The Compassion of Jesus (vv. 13-14)

- A. He was seeking to withdraw for a time (v. 13)
- B. He was followed by those wanting miracles
- C. He had compassion on the multitudes (v. 14)

II. The Training of the Disciples (vv. 15-18)

- A. Jesus put the dilemma before them
- B. He involved them in the process
- C. He taught them that little can be much

III. The Multiplying of the Food (vv. 19-21)

- A. They all ate and were filled
- B. There were 12 baskets remaining
 - 1. One for each disciple
 - 2. One for each of the 12 tribes of Israel
- C. The number may have been 25,000

Conclusion: Jesus is the bread of life - John 6:35